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ASSOCIATION TRAINS POLITICAL PROPAGANDISTS

STARTS 2D YEAR OF POLITICAL TRAINING -- Burgas, Chernomorski Front, 7 Oct 50

Following the example of Soviet Komsomols, the Dimitrov Youth Association is starting its second year of political training courses for the young. The courses start 1 October in the cities and 15 October in the rural areas. The main concern is to train successful young propagandists of Marxist-Leninist education who have been selected to establish and supervise political circles, schools, and reading groups. The okrug organization of the association has selected and approved 1,348 propagandists for this purpose. The latter are trained in 10-day courses with a temporary leave of absence, or in one-month courses without leave from work. All young propagandists of the history of the Bulgarian Communist Party and the VKP(b) and a part of the political school supervisors are trained in the party's propaganda courses, which so far have trained 850 young people for various forms of propaganda.

Enrollment in the political circles, schools, and reading groups starts at the beginning of September and is usually conducted in friendly meetings, preceded by agitation among the boys and girls. So far, the okrug organization has established 1,074 circles, schools, and reading groups and has enrolled 11,796 boys and girls to participate in them. This result is very satisfactory, but the Dimitrov Youth Association committees still suffer from some shortcomings. Many propagandists are selected without sufficient investigation, and local committees are delaying in furnishing full data on prospective candidates. The okrug committees fail to provide training for all the propagandists. In Burgas Okoliya, only 50-60 percent of the propagandists have attended the courses; in Pomorie Okoliya, 76 propagandists have been trained instead of 150; in Grudovo Okoliya, 76 instead of 145, and so on.

The training for reading-group leaders has been especially deficient. Political circles, schools, and reading groups have not been established in sufficient numbers. In the Burgas city area there are only 268 in operation instead of the planned 420, and the same is true of Burgas Okoliya, where there are 131 instead of 193. The propaganda work among the Turkish population and other minority groups is also very poor. On the other hand, the nature of propaganda work is misinterpreted by some local committees; instead of talking with the boys and girls, then calling a meeting, and finally enrolling them in political groups, they simply draw up a list of members and dispatch it to the okoliya committee. Henceforth the okoliya committees should conduct permanent seminars for propagandists, which must be attended before starting the enrollment in political circles, schools, and reading groups and the establishment of the centers.

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SCORES POLITICAL SCHOOLS -- Sofia, Rabotnichesko Delo, 29 Oct 50

This year Kurdzhali Okoliya is running 112 general and political schools and courses with 1,597 students, 1,487 of whom are party members and 119 nonparty; there are 786 Turks and Mohammedans. However, the party bureaus failed to make advance announcements of the opening dates, and because of this negligence many courses could not be started on time. The supervisors of some general schools and political courses for the study of the VKP(b) failed to start the lessons on the appointed date and excused themselves on the ground of official duties. Due to these shortcomings, the first lessons were very poorly attended. In the Georgi Dimitrov plant, lessons did not start until 16 October; in one general school, out of 32 Turkish workers, only four were present. Attendance throughout the villages was also very unsatisfactory, which proves that local party organizations have failed to prepare the ground-work.

In spite of the fact that study-group leaders have been trained in special propaganda courses, their standards are still very poor. The shortage of educational material in Turkish and Bulgarian creates a considerable handicap for the general schools.

To remedy all these shortcomings, the members of okoliya party committees who were in charge of seminars for teacher training will have to return to the localities and stay there for the time necessary to strengthen and improve the study courses. Furthermore, the okoliya committees must establish seminars for rural propagandists. It is also imperative to provide promptly for the printing of educational material in Turkish and Bulgarian.

TO PROMOTE POLITICAL PROPAGANDA -- Burgas, Chernomorski Front, 10 Oct 50

The okoliya and city committees of the Fatherland Front held a meeting on 8 October 1950 to discuss political education and propaganda. Recommendations were made to the effect that the city district organizations should take over the leadership of rural political-educational organizations and make them more dynamic.

COLLECT MONEY TO AID KOREANS -- Burgas, Chernomorski Front, 10 Oct 50

The Bulgarian Red Cross is collecting money throughout Burgas Okrug to aid the victims of the Korean war who have lost their homes and property as a result of indiscriminate bombing by the American imperialists. In a short time, 43,000 leva were collected in Songurlare village, and 28,000 leva were collected in one day in Evrenozovo village, Malko Turnovo Okoliya.

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